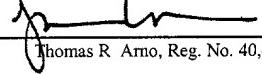


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above captioned patent application, please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, at line 6, please insert:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to prior PCT application No. PCT/JP99/02843, filed on May 28, 1999.

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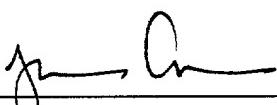
With this paper, the specification has been amended with a reference to the parent application to which priority is claimed.

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